



# **DDDS Lifespan Waiver Amendment**



# Background:

- DDDS directed by Budget Act to plan for a  
“Family Support Waiver”



# Approach:

- DDDS will amend the current Medicaid HCBS DDDS waiver, to create the “Lifespan Waiver”
- The Lifespan Waiver will:
  - Add new services targeted to families
  - Add waiver slots to include people with IDD living at home with their family

# This Makes Sense for Delaware:

- Increase Administrative Efficiencies
  - Performance measure tracking and reporting
  - Provider Enrollment
- Enable smooth transitions as needs change



# **How Much Will This Cost?**

- Expected to be budget neutral for the service costs
- Uses current DDDS funding of \$1.2M for family support services to leverage federal Medicaid funds
- Preserves state funds for individuals who are not enrolled in the waiver and for costs the waiver does not cover

# Who Will Be Served?

- Individuals already enrolled in the DDDS waiver
- Individuals who have already left school and who currently receive DDDS Day Services plus new school graduates each year (about 1,100 initially)
- New individuals in need of residential services because they cannot be supported in the family home





# **Waiver Eligibility**

- ICF-IID Level of Care
- Income no greater than 250% of SSI
- Resources no greater than \$2,000

# Services Included In The Lifespan Waiver:

- All DDDS waiver services currently provided

AND...





# **Services Included In The Lifespan Waiver (cont'd):**

## **New Family Support Services:**

- Community living support (respite & personal care)
- Community Participation



# **Services Included In The Lifespan Waiver (cont'd):**

## New Family Support Services:

- Home or vehicle modifications
- Assistive technology
- Specialized medical equipment and supplies



# What Is Different About The Lifespan Waiver Will Be Managed?

- Person Centered Planning
- Case Management



# Person-Centered Planning:

- A “**Lifespan Plan**” will be created for individuals living in a residential setting

AND

- A **Support Plan for Individuals and Families** will be created for individuals (SPIF) living in the family home
- Both planning processes are designed to be fully compliant with the CMS HCBS Rule

# Case Management:

Targeted Case Management (TCM) will be available for:

- Individuals living in a DDDS residential setting (Support Coordinators)
- Individuals living with their family (Community Navigators)



# Will The Staff Who Support Me Change?


- **For individuals living in a residential setting** -- DDDS case managers will retain responsibility for case management
- **For individuals living with their family** -- The private TCM provider will hire Community Navigators to provide case management.





# **How Will My Routine Healthcare Needs Be Met?**

- **For individuals living in a residential setting:**  
They will continue to be carved out of managed care and their healthcare needs will be paid fee for service.
- **For individuals living with their family:**  
They will continue to be enrolled with an MCO who will cover their regular (i.e. non-waiver) healthcare needs.



# **If I am enrolled in the DSHP Plus LTSS program, can I enroll in the Lifespan Waiver?**

- Individuals cannot be enrolled in both the Plus program and the Lifespan Waiver
- Individuals must choose between the Plus program and the Lifespan Waiver program depending on which program better meets their needs.



# **Transition Process April – June 2017:**

- In the Spring of 2017, DDDS will begin:
- A streamlined, phased in enrollment process
- Referrals to the Targeted Case Management Agency
- Information gathering to start developing the person centered plan

# **July 1, 2017 and beyond:**

- After the initial phased-in mass enrollment...
  - As new individuals leave school, they will be assisted to apply for the waiver by their Community Navigator
  - Individuals requiring a residential placement will continue to be assisted with that process as well

# How to comment

- Review the waiver amendment on the DMMA website

<http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dmma/>

- Individuals may submit written comments to the email address below:

[DMMA\\_PublicHearing@state.de.us](mailto:DMMA_PublicHearing@state.de.us)

(Please identify in the subject line: DDDS Lifespan Waiver Amendment)

- Attend a public hearing

